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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following remarks.

Applicant is resubmitting the claims of this application is unamended form for reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Levine (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,000 -- the same inventor). It is noted that although claims 1-8 and 11-14 were considered "anticipated" only the rejection of claims 1 and 11 are considered in any detail. Even so, the rejection of claims 1 and 11 are clearly improper.

Claim 1, a method claim, includes the steps of "providing a surface including options relating to the programming of the instrument." With respect to this limitation, the Examiner refers to Figure 1, reference numerals 102, 106 and 110, which are simply the chart itself with intersecting lines printed thereon. These have nothing to do with the programming of the instrument, but rather, something at the instrument, once programmed, overwrites. Anticipation is precluded for this reason alone.

Continuing, however, claim 1 further includes the limitation of "storing information relating to

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